

the attention of the General Assembly to the debt which now hangs over this institution, from which, if not relieved by her liberality, she will be incapable of fulfilling her holy objects.

The mechanics, to whom chiefly this debt is due, acting under the authority and by the directions of the accredited agents of the State, have faithfully fulfilled their contracts. They have now the legal right to enforce payment. Many of them have contracted large bills for materials used in the completion of the work; they are dependant upon the proceeds of their labor for support, and are consequently solicitous that their accounts may be settled. Your committee would, therefore, recommend for the adoption of the General Assembly, the following resolution:

*Be it resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Commissioner of Loans be and he is hereby directed to issue to the President and Visitors of the Maryland Hospital, bonds of the State of Maryland, bearing six per cent. interest, payable at the pleasure of the State, in denominations of not less than one hundred dollars, to the amount of \$16,000, transferable as other stocks upon the books of the Commissioner of Loans, to be by them paid to the creditors of said institution, at par, in discharge of their claims.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

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Chairman.